

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended are requested. Claims 4 and 5 have been placed in independent form.

The examiner's rejection of claim 2 as being "anticipated", under 35 U.S.C. 102, is respectfully traversed. The examiner rejects this claim as being unpatentable over Miki or Haussels. Claim 2 requires a non-rotatable shaft 48 and a rotatable outer race assembly 50. Miki teaches the opposite, wherein his inner shaft "A" has a flanged portion 23 for attachment of a wheel (see figure 4 and column 2, lines 35-40) making his shaft rotatable and his outer race "B" includes a flange 25 for attachment to a vehicle (see figure 4 and column 2, lines 46-49) making his outer race non-rotatable. Claim 2 requires inboard and outboard inner races 52 and 54 and inboard and outboard outer races 58 and 56. Haussels discloses various wheels all of which are supported by a wheel fork the same way a bicycle wheel is supported by a wheel fork and, as such, there can be no inboard and outboard designations of inner and outer races as required by applicants' claim 2. For example, see figure 4 which shows bicycle wheel spokes 45 and 46 (note column 5, lines 14-18) and see figure 5 which shows fork legs 35 and 36 (see column 4, line 55) for supporting wheel 53 (see column 6, line 19).

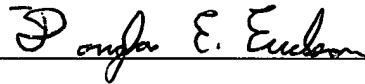
The examiner's rejection of claim 3 as being "anticipated", under 35 U.S.C. 102, is respectfully traversed. The examiner rejects this claim as being unpatentable over Uchman. Claim 3 requires a non-rotatable shaft 48 and a rotatable outer race assembly 50. This is opposite to Uchman which shows hub/shaft 12 having a flange 13 which carries bolts 14 to receive a vehicle road wheel (see paragraph 0014). Also, claim 3 requires the shoulder 72 of the shaft 48 to abut the substantially-outboard-facing surface 68 of the vehicle knuckle member 60. This is not taught, suggested or described in Uchman wherein his knuckle is separated from the hub/shaft 12 by the securing ring 28 and the outer race 10 of the constant velocity joint as seen in figure 1. Additionally, claim 3 requires that the shaft 48 be attached to the knuckle member 60 against the substantially-inboard-facing surface 70 of the knuckle member 60. This is not taught, suggested or described in Uchman wherein his hub/shaft 12 is not attached to the knuckle against

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any substantially-inboard-facing surface of the knuckle but is separated from the knuckle by the securing ring 28 and the outer race 10 of the constant velocity joint.

Inasmuch as each of the rejections has been answered by the above remarks and amended claims, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn, and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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